

U.S. Liners Get Highest Rating For Insurance

Underwriters Promise Ship Board to Place Fast Vessels on Most Favorable Basis, W. J. Love Says

First Conference Is Held

Board Officials and Insurance Men Discuss Classification of U. S. Boats

Shipping Board passenger lines operating on the Atlantic and Pacific will receive the best rating allowed by insurance companies on those routes, W. J. Love, vice-president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, announced yesterday after a conference at 45 Broadway between committees representing the board and marine underwriters. This applies to all the new combination cargo and passenger ships of the 358-foot and 622-foot class and also to the former German ships in service.

Mr. Love said that previously the classification had been varied, but that in the future the ships operated by the United States Lines, the Munson Line, Admiral Line and Pacific Mail would rate as high as their competitors.

Commenting upon the conference yesterday, Love said it was "largely satisfactory," but that many questions remained to be discussed. He declared that the board would attempt to meet the demands of the underwriters for greater permanency of services and of officers and crews.

Under the agreement reached yesterday, shipper dispatching cargoes or those vessels will obtain approximately the same rating as prevailing on shipments sent by American or foreign steamers, it is said.

Many trade routes have not yet been covered, Mr. Love said, adding that the sub-committees appointed by the underwriters have a tremendous task in going over the voyage records of all government ships for the last year.

Probably this would occupy six or seven months, he said. He expressed appreciation for the thoroughness with which the insurance men were going into the investigation.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Love, R. K. Ogden and Commander R. D. Gatewood for the Shipping Board, and Charles R. Page, Hendon Chubb and William H. McGee for the marine underwriters.

Board Lays Down Policy On Wooden Ship Claims

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The Shipping Board to-day fixed a definite policy regarding the settlement of amortization and profit claims of the wooden shipowners, growing out of the test case recently decided by the claims commission.

General Counsel Elmer Schlesinger said that the board would make settlement, if it was satisfactory to the claimants, on a basis of \$7,000 for amortization and \$3,000 for profit a vessel on all new contracts executed by the board. This involves approximately eighty vessels. In cases where a vessel was partially completed, the shipbuilder will be allowed \$1,000 for amortization and a proportionate amount of the \$3,000 allowed for profits, according to the amount of work completed on the vessel.

The amortization claims amount to approximately \$6,000,000 and involve seventy shipbuilders.

An example of the principle contained in the resolution the board will not be called upon to pay more than approximately \$1,000,000 if the shipbuilders accept its ruling.

The shipbuilders insisted that they were verbally assured that they would be given a sufficient number of contracts to enable them to come out whole in settling their claims. This the board denied and produced witnesses to substantiate its refutation of this declaration on the part of the claimants.

Army Orders

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Army orders issued to-day follow:

Infantry

Congress, Capt. A. P., to 81st Infantry Regt., Capt. G. D. McMillan.

Williams, Capt. L. M., Manila.

Lawrence, Capt. J. H., Manila.

Garrison, Capt. E. C., Manila.

Johnston, Lt. Col. R. H., Honolulu.

Wear, Capt. G. S., to Vancouver Barracks.

Miscellaneous

Ste. L. P. W., Ord. Dep., to Walter Reed Hospital.

Gen. D. N. W., Med. C., to Fort McPherson.

Navy Orders

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Infantry

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Williams, Capt. L. M., Manila.

Lawrence, Capt. J. H., Manila.

Garrison, Capt. E. C., Manila.

Johnston, Lt. Col. R. H., Honolulu.

Wear, Capt. G. S., to Vancouver Barracks.

Artillery

Unknown.

140-142 Amsterdam Ave., Charles Hopkins.

140-142 Ludlow St. J. Jaschinski.

140-142 Rosedale Ave., Bronx, brain.

140-142 18th St., Margaret Lovell.

140-142 West 18th St., Bronx.

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